

State of Arizona

Board of Acupuncture **Examiners**

Newsletter Summer 2004

Mission Statement: The mission of the Board of Acupuncture Examiners is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Arizona by regulating and maintaining standards of practice in the field of acupuncture.

Board of Acupuncture Examiners

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Allen Imig **Executive Director**

Board Meetings

July 28, 2004 Aug. 25, 2004 Sep. 29, 2004 Oct. 27, 2004 Nov. 24, 2004 Dec. 29, 2004

What's New at the Board?

At the end of June, the Board hired a new Executive Director, me, Allen Imig. I bring to the Acupuncture Board, executive experience from working at the Chiropractic Board as their investigator and then as their Deputy Director in charge of licensing and other administrative duties.

I am excited to be onboard and looking forward to making the Boards priorities happen as well as making the administrative duties go as smooth as possible.

If I can help answer any questions or just chat, please give me a call at the Board office.

Here are a few things that are in the works:

A website where you can look up a licensee or certificate holder, get general and licensing information, newsletters and print off applications and other forms. There will also be links to our laws and rules.

Finalizing rules that have been in the works for some time.

Soon Our Newsletter will go online

We will soon be publishing our newsletter online at our website at www.azacuboard.az.gov this helps us reduce cost and increases readership. If you do not have web access you can request a copy of the newsletter and one will be sent to

Getting a hold of us at the Board:

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Did you move or get a new telephone number?

Please remember that AAC R4-8-103 requires that every person holding a license or certificate shall, within 20 days, notify the Board <u>in writing</u> of any change in mailing address (giving both the old and the new address), or residential or business telephone numbers. So mail, fax or e-mail your address change to us.

Renewal Time Reminders

We will mail you your license or certificate renewal application 60 days before you need to renew. If you moved and did not update the information with us in writing, you may not get your renewal. Renewal notices are mailed to your address of record.

When you renew you must have completed the required 15 hours of qualifying continuing education.

The expiration date is printed on the renewal letter so make sure your license or certificate renewal is completely filled out and gets to the Board office by that date or it will be late.

If your license or certificate renewal is late or you decide to renew late, there is an additional \$100.00 late fee over and above your renewal fee (Ouch) and you cannot practice in Arizona until you do renew.

Remember, your renewal is always due every year on your initial licensing or certificate anniversary date.

Continuing Education Documentation

In the past, when you sent your renewal back, you had to send along a copy of your CE certificate documenting 15 hours. Things have changed to the following:

- 1. Complete 15 hours of Board approved CE's per year. (same as before)
- 2. Indicate on the renewal the number of hours and sign and date the renewal attesting the hours were completed. (same as before)
- 3. You now DO NOT have to send in a copy of your CE's with the renewal. (new)
- 4. To insure compliance the CE's were in fact taken, random audits will take place through out the year. (new)
- 5. You are required to retain a minimum of 2 years records of all CE courses. (same as before)
- 6. Should you get an audit notice you are required to submit documentation of CE course work completion. (new)

You can refer to the rule R4-8-204 and R4-8-205 if you have any questions.

Welcome Aboard New Acupuncture Licensees

June 2004 Mariam D. Weber, L.Ac. Cecelia Fernandes, L.Ac.

July 2004 Richard A. Oliver, L.Ac. Simon J. Shim, L.Ac. Jeremy R. Werner, L.Ac. Karen M. White, L.Ac.

August 2004 Amy Wheeler, L.Ac. Jing Warner, L.Ac. Laurie Perez, L.Ac. Ronald Fishkind, L.Ac. Felicity Luckey, L.Ac. Paul Levy, L.Ac.

Welcome Aboard New Auricular Certifications

July 2004 Sandy R. Todd

Initial Ornamental License

The Board is implementing an initial ornamental license to all new licensees and to current licensees when they renew.

Two Part Renewal Receipt

The Board is implementing a two-part renewal receipt one small wall mount and a credit card size to carry with you. Both will show your license number and expiration date, along with other information.

Board Actions

Denial of license

Clark Wong Kim

Applicant

Cease and Desist

Clark Wong Kim, Parker, AZ Unauthorized Practice

Surrender of License

James Reece, L.Ac.

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